

REMARKS

In the Office Action,¹ the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,699,532 to Barrett et al. (“Barrett”).

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-22 will remain pending. By this amendment, Applicants add new claims 21 and 22. Claims 9-18 are withdrawn from consideration over Applicants’ traversal of the restriction requirement filed November 15, 2006. Office Action at 2-3. Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 19-22 are under examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-8, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett. To properly establish that Barrett anticipates Applicants’ claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102, each and every element of each of the claims in issue must be found, either expressly described or under principles of inherency, in that single reference. Furthermore, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim.” See M.P.E.P. § 2131, quoting Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1126, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Barrett does not disclose each and every element of Applicants’ claimed invention. Amended claim 1 calls for a method including, for example, receiving, from an application process, a document specifying a communication protocol and a communication channel;

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

reading the document;
accessing properties information reflecting addresses of computer devices;
determining whether the communication channel requires communication with at least one of the computer devices;
instantiating the communication channel with the application process using the communication protocol

(emphasis added). Barrett does not teach or suggest “accessing properties information,” as recited by claim 1, nor does Barrett teach or suggest properties information “reflecting addresses of computer devices,” as recited by claim 1.

Barrett therefore cannot anticipate claim 1 or claims 2-8 by reason of dependency therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett.

Amended independent claim 19, although of different scope than claim 1, patentably distinguishes from Barrett for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of independent claim 19 and dependent claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett. Similarly, new independent claim 21 and dependent claim 22 patentably distinguish from Barrett for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

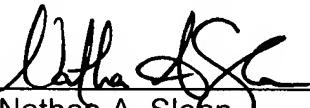
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